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SUBJECT: PRD POINTS TOWARD MODERATION

1) IN ITS CLOSING SESSION ON OCTOBER 31, EIGHTH NATIONAL CONVENTION OF PARTIDO REVOLUCIONARIO DOMINICANO (PRD) CHOSE MODERATE, MIDDLE-CLASS ACCOUNTANT JACOBO MAJLUTA AS ITS PRESIDENT AND VOTED FOR BALANCED SLATE OF MEMBERS TO SERVE AS NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. EXCERPTS FROM PARTY'S PROGRAM AS REPORTED IN LOCAL PRESS AND FROM SECRETARY GENERAL'S FORMAL REPORT CONFIRM A SIGNIFICANT TURN TOWARD PRAGMATISM AND MODERATION IN PARTY'S POSTURE.

2) DISPUTE HIGH EMOTIONS AND DISRUPTIVE TACTICS OF VARIOUS FACTIONS, PRD APPEARS TO HAVE HELD TOGETHER THROUGH ONE OF ITS MOST DANGEROUS RECENT CRISES. OVERWHELMING SENTIMENT FOR MODERATION AND DISCIPLINE IN THIS ANALGAM OF CLASSES, IDEOLOGIES AND INTERESTS WAS EVIDENT IN LOPSIDED DECISION OF THE 348 VOTING DELEGATES TO ELIMINATE PABLO RAFAEL CASIMIRO CASTRO FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. POPULAR, CHARISMATIC CASIMIRO HAD EPITOMIZED PRD'S GENERAL PRE-CONVENTION DISCIPLINARY PROBLEMS BY OPENLY DEFYING PARTY'S PROHIBITIONS OF DISCUSSION OF INDIVIDUAL CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENCY OF DR IN 1978 ELECTION. PARTY NOT ONLY PLACED CASIMIRO ON SIDELINES, BUT BY RE-ELECTING JOSE FRANCISCO PENA GOMEZ AS SECRETARY GENERAL AND MAJLUTA'S TWO CHIEF RIVALS TO POSITIONS OF PARTY VICE PRESIDENT

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AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL, ALL UNANIMOUSLY, APPARENTLY

SUCCEEDED IN HOLDING LOYALTIES OF ALL MAJOR FACTIONS.

3) MAJLUTA' ELECTION TO PRD PRESIDENCY IS GIANT STEP TOWARD  
FULFILLMENT OF HIS AMBITION TO BE PARTY'S NOMINEE OF 1978  
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN. IT PROBABLY REPRESENTS, TOO,  
BECAUSE OF MAJLUTA'S NATIONAL REPUTATION FOR DILIGENCE, PRAG-  
MATISM AND MODERATION, ONE OF PRD'S BEST HOPES TO CONVEY  
IMPRESSION THAT PARTY IS A REASONABLE AND VIABLE ALTERNATIVE TO  
PRESIDENT BALAGUER AND HIS REFORMISTA PARTY.  
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